

### Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 6, of the specification, with the following amended paragraph:

A further measure for enhancing the stability of the inventive instruments, which are operated at very high speeds as is e.g. standard in dental drills or the like, consists in providing a core reinforcement which comprises that part of the ceramic portion of the working member that the underlies and is not penetrated by the grooves or cuts in the ceramic portion of the working member. Thus, for example, in FIG. 6, the portion of the ceramic portion of the working member that is shown in cross-section as lying inwardly of the cutting edges or teeth of the ceramic portion of the working member comprises the core reinforcement of the ceramic portion of the working member. This can be ~~is~~ created by reducing the depth of grooves or cuts from the free end of the working member to the opposite area of the working member adjoining the shaft. The ~~this~~ core reinforcement in that case ~~which thus~~ forms an imaginary-spherical conical basic shape that may for example ~~e.g.~~ increase at an angle of 0.25° to 3° towards the shaft. A preferred value is in the range of 1°. The conical configuration and the related tapering of the ceramic portion of the working member are shown in FIGs. 4 and 5 of the drawings.